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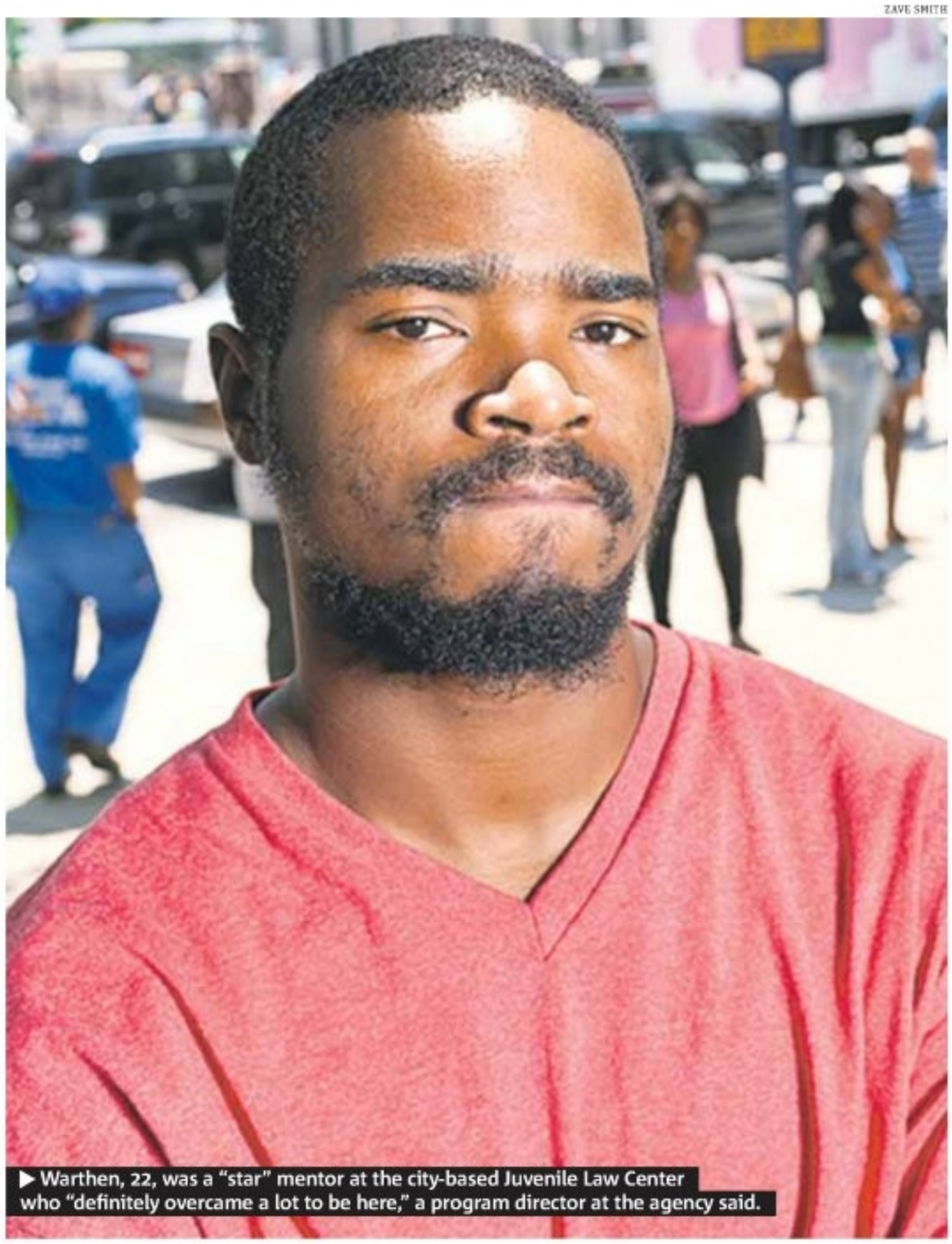

▶ Warthen, 22, was a "star" mentor at the city-based Juvenile Law Center who "definitely overcame a lot to be here," a program director at the agency said.

One of city's bright lights extinguished by gunfire

- Mentor to juvenile delinquents, Shirkey Warthen, killed while breaking up an argument, family said
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▶ Remnants of fatal flames.

Causes determined in blazes

Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers announced today that the fire marshal has determined the causes of two fires that killed six people during the weekend.

The fire that killed a woman, 79, and her great granddaughter, 4, on the 1200 block of Firth Street in North Philadelphia early Sunday started in the kitchen and was caused by cooking.

The blaze on the 5200 block of Chancellor Street in West Philadelphia that claimed the lives of a family of four Monday morning was an electrical fire caused by non-permanent wiring, which include devices such as extension cords. It started in the living room area. They said that police had to restrain 25-year-old Anthony McClendon, who returned from working a night shift shortly after the fire broke out around 4:45 a.m. to find his home engulfed in flames. METRO

Safety first

Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers again invoked safety tips yesterday:

- Keep your kitchen stove and oven clean of grease.
- Avoid overloading outlets with multiple attachment plugs or long extension cords.

Quoted

"It is time for Mr. Handzus to kiss 'his lady' goodbye."

JAMES STAERK, MONTGOMERY COUNTY PROSECUTOR, AT A HEARING FOR SUSPECT JAMES HANDZUS, WHO WAS FORCED TO GIVE UP HIS VINTAGE PLANE, NAMED "MY LADY," FOR ALLEGEDLY TRANSPORTING CRYSTAL METH

In the news

Bishop linked

A witness in the Philadelphia priest sex abuse trial told jurors yesterday that a priest who sexually abused him said that West Virginia Bishop Michael J. Bransfield had sex with teenage boys. Representatives for Bransfield, a Philadelphia native and head of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese, declined to respond yesterday.

▶ Don't forget your ID

Elderly to get voter ID relief?

HARRISBURG. State officials yesterday announced a measure making it easier for elderly residents with expired driver's licenses to comply with Pennsylvania's new voter ID law.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Carole Aichele said those with expired driver's licenses can go to a PennDOT license center, give their name and once they are verified in the system, they will receive a non-driver license photo ID. They must fill out an application and affirm that they have no other acceptable identification. METRO

Attorney found dead

PHILADELPHIA. The death of a prominent attorney with the Barnes Foundation has been ruled a suicide.

Brett Miller, 47, was found dead in his Old City home on Saturday, reports said. The medical examiner determined the cause of death was a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Miller was general counsel for the Barnes Foundation and previously was a partner in the Washington office of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. METRO

Good Samaritan death big loss for Kingsessing

Rising 'star' at city youth mentorship group gunned down breaking up fight, family said He worked at Juvenile Law Center as a volunteer

PHOTOS: RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Warthen's mother said justice will be served.

True to his life as a youth mentor, Shirkey Warthen died Tuesday night in a Kingsessing double shooting while trying to play the role of peacemaker, his family said yesterday.

Warthen, 22, was shot multiple times inside a house on the 5400 block of Florence Avenue — about a block away from his home — shortly before 10 p.m.

"From what I'm hearing, one of his friends had a confrontation with the boy that killed him," his mother Michelle Puriefoy said yesterday on the 1200 block of South Ruby Street, where Warthen lived at his family home. "Shirkey's friend beat the boy up. Shirkey went there to squash it."

Warthen, who worked with the Juvenile Law Center's advocacy program Juveniles for Justice since it was founded four years ago, was recently nominated for this year's Spirit of Youth Award, given annually to a young adult with a childhood criminal record who has overcome obstacles to make a positive impact.

"He was our star and he definitely overcame a lot to be here," said the center's program facilitator Jessica Sones. Administrators said he joined after spending two years at a youth criminal facility when he was 14. But he had recently earned his G.E.D., gotten engaged to his longtime girlfriend and found a job at a Logan steel plant.

"He was proud of his job," Puriefoy remembered. "He's always been my pretty boy, a woman's man. And it was hard labor. But he always wore his hard hat and all. I just saw him yesterday, wearing his hard hat. ... He had turned his life around and was doing good."

Warthen leaves behind his mother, a 6-year-old daughter, his fiancee and nine brothers and sisters. His mother, who also works in youth advocacy and serves as block captain and judge of elections for her ward, said that she just wants to see justice served — through the very system Warthen was working to better. "I want the cops to get to him before the streets do, because there are a lot of emotions right now," she said. "I just don't want anyone else to get hurt. I want justice."

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Quoted

▶ Warthen remembered.

- "We are grieving. His untimely death is all the more tragic given the barriers he overcame, the successful life he built."
  ROBERT SCHWARTZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JUVENILE LAW CENTER
- "From the moment he joined Juveniles for Justice, Shirkey stood out as a leader. He never missed an opportunity to help other participants see their own true potential."
  JESSICA FEIERMAN, A SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WITH THE JUVENILE LAW CENTER

Calling on US Senate

PHILADELPHIA. Warthen appeared with Juveniles for Justice before the U.S. Senate in 2008 to urge them to pass the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, which is currently before Congress for reauthorization. There, he spoke about the about the excessive use of force by juvenile detention staff. METRO

On the hunt for gunman

PHILADELPHIA. Police have not yet made any arrests, though neighbors said they know the shooter. "He comes around here all the time, buys cigarettes and chills right here," said Greg Dandridge, gesturing to the front yard of the house where Warthen was killed. METRO

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Young people give good side of city's transit system ◗ Campaign called 'I SEPTA Philly' will also appear on television, radio ◗ Growth still possible among youth

SEPTA has launched a new online campaign aimed at grabbing young riders through peer-to-peer testimonials.

The campaign, called "I SEPTA Philly," was launched last week on the authority's website (www.iseptaphilly.com) and will run through September. Riders can submit videos discussing what it's like to ride SEPTA and have a chance to win transit passes, concert tickets and a trip to Las Vegas.

"This campaign is aimed at acquiring the new generation of SEPTA riders, so it's consciously targeting 18- to 34-year-olds and it is based on a peer-to-peer endorsement of riding SEPTA," said SEPTA's marketing director Rich DiLullo.

To kick off the campaign, SEPTA filmed several unscripted, unrehearsed videos with riders focused on the issues of safety, cleanliness, ease of use and affordability — topics developed from focus groups — but riders are not restricted to those topics, DiLullo said.

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SEPTA MARKETING DIRECTOR

He added that SEPTA will screen the videos before posting them to make sure they are "socially acceptable," but that negative comments will not automatically be filtered out.

"We will not filter out a comment if it is not 100 percent glowing about SEPTA," he said. There is no restriction on the length of the videos. SEPTA is running ads on television, radio, online and the system about the campaign.

In 2011, SEPTA experienced its highest ridership in more than 20 years. Public transportation ridership is also up nationally.

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Still more growth

Riders took nearly 334 million trips on SEPTA's buses, trains and trolleys from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, which hit levels not seen since the late 1980s, the agency reported at the end of the last fiscal year.

- The report last July showed steady systemwide gains throughout the year. Ridership was up 4 percent, or 13 million trips. The 334 million trips represent SEPTA's highest yearly total since 1989.
- Ridership increases were recorded across the region and on all of SEPTA's modes of travel.
- Trips on City Transit Division buses, trolleys and subway-elevated rail increased 4 percent. Regional Rail trips were up by nearly a half-million, and the year-end total of 35.4 million is just shy of the ridership record set it 2008. Suburban Transit Division bus and high-speed rail also jumped 5 percent.

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▶ One of SEPTA's proponents listed some upsides of transit.

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Tony Blair talks Flyers-Pens, then Middle East conflict

Blair was given another award in Philadelphia after receiving Liberty Medal last year Talked Palestine, Israel, China, hockey And beating Paris for Olympics

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Blair is a popular man for Philadelphia-based award ceremonies.

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair received the International Statesman Award from the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia on Tuesday night. While he is the Middle East Envoy of the Quartet, a fractious dispute between two Pennsylvania parties was on his mind.

"When I asked Senator Kerry what I should talk about in Philadelphia, he suggested that I offer to make peace between the Flyers and the Penguins," said Blair. "I told him that achieving peace between the Palestinians and Israelis would be easier."

"The West ignores the Palestinian-Israeli situation at their own peril. The West's security depends on Israel's security." BLAIR

Blair, who admitted that he did not really understand the Middle East as prime minister, has made 82 trips to the region since leaving office.

"One of the problems with the peace talks is that the negotiations are top down. Peace and coexistence need to be built bottom up," said the Quartet's Middle East envoy.

The onset of the Arab Spring has resulted in many forgetting about the Palestinian-Israeli crisis. "The West ignores the Palestinian-Israeli situation at their own peril. The West's security depends on Israel's security," warned Blair.

During his talk, he also discussed Syria and Iran. He made it clear that Assad has to go and that 11 percent of the population can't control all the power."

In case of Iran, he is worried about more than them achieving nuclear capability. "Iran exports chaos and instability wherever they can."

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'Sweet to beat Paris'

Extending an open invitation to everyone in the audience to attend the Olympic games in London, Blair provided an inside scoop on winning the bid against Paris.

"When I was asked as prime minister if it was especially sweet to beat Paris, I had to say no. But it was extra special to win against Paris."

He continued: "Meeting with the Olympic officials tests your sports knowledge. My staff would prepare cards on each member detailing their sport etc. I met with one official, whose card read ice skater. I asked him what his greatest challenge was. He replied throwing for a long distance. It turned out that he was a javelin thrower."

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Obama calls for inquiry as US apologizes over images of abuse

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President Barack Obama wants an investigation into photographs that have surfaced of U.S. soldiers posing with the maimed corpses of Afghan insurgents and says those responsible should be held accountable, the White House said yesterday.

"The conduct depicted in those photos is reprehensible and does not in any way represent the ... standards of the U.S. military," White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters aboard Air Force One as Obama flew to Ohio for an economic speech.

"The conduct depicted in those photos is reprehensible and does not in any way represent the ... standards of the U.S. military"

WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN JAY CARNEY

Carney said Obama had been briefed on the matter but he did not know whether the president had seen the photos, which were taken in 2010 and published by the Los Angeles Times after the newspaper received them from a soldier.

The incident dealt another blow to already tense U.S. and NATO ties with Afghanistan.

NATO's top commander in Afghanistan, U.S. General John Allen, said an investigation was under way, and U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta apologized "on behalf of the Department of Defense and the U.S. government." **REUTERS**

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BP outlines settlement deal over Gulf oil spill

BP reached settlements to resolve billions of dollars of claims from the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill, and asked a judge for a long delay in any trial over remaining disputes stemming from the disaster.

The London-based oil company still expects under yesterday's settlements to pay $7.8 billion to resolve economic, property and medical claims by more than 100,000 individuals and businesses, though there is no cap.

That payout would make the accord one of the largest class-action settlements in U.S. history.

"Neither side will receive everything it wants," but the settlements are "more than fair, reasonable and adequate" and could avert a decade of litigation, BP and plaintiffs' lawyers said in papers filed in New Orleans federal court. **REUTERS**

News in brief

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Buffet's cancer not life-threatening

NEW YORK. Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Chief Executive Warren Buffett said he has stage 1 prostate cancer and will begin a two-month treatment in mid-July consisting of daily radiation treatments.

Buffett, 81, said in a statement that his condition "is not remotely life-threatening or even debilitating in any meaningful way." Berkshire shares fell 1.5 percent in after-hours trading on the news. **REUTERS**

Breivik: Give me freedom or death

OSLO, NORWAY. Norwegian anti-Islamic fanatic Anders Behring Breivik said yesterday he should be executed or acquitted after killing 77 people last summer in what he said was a battle to defend Europe against mass immigration.

"There are only two just outcomes to this case — acquittal or the death penalty," the 33-year-old said, calling the prospect of a prison sentence "pathetic."

Norway has no death penalty and formal sentencing cannot exceed 21 years, though Breivik could be held the rest of his life if he is judged to pose a continuing danger. He could also be sentenced indefinitely to a mental institution.

"I hope that you don't spend more time on trying to ridicule me," Breivik told prosecutor Inga Bejer Engh at one point. **REUTERS**

Independemic

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Forgive us for repeating an obvious sentiment, but Thomas Friedman is a dolt. That's Thomas Friedman the centrist New York Times columnist, who just this week was tagged by blogger Duncan Black as "the one true w—er of the decade." Friedman then set about to prove Black right with an editorial proclaiming the virtues of "shared sacrifice" that also managed to ignore the realities of Washington compromise: One party won't do it.

On Tuesday, Friedman lauded Democrat President Barack Obama for his "significant achievements" and "solid job stemming the economic crisis he inherited." Arguing that "this election has to be about those hard choices" such as "serious fiscal, tax and entitlement reform," Friedman also criticized Republicans like Mitt Romney for their "ludicrous opposition to any tax hikes."

So far, so good. But he then surmises that what this country needs most of all is for New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to run for president as an Independent!

Friedman suffers from what we'll call the "independemic": The pervasive belief among news pundits that consensus must necessarily be found in the middle. Of course, Republicans have veered sharply to the right in recent years, while Democrats have mostly stayed put, shifting the center to extreme degrees. But the independemicists don't mind: To them, the middle is a virtue in and of itself.

Friedman concedes that "the rich should pay higher taxes" yet he faults Obama for pushing the Buffett tax, "a clever campaign gambit." In doing so, he simultaneously argues that we must reform the tax code by raising rates on the wealthy and that it's bad for the president to do so. Presumably billionaire Bloomberg has a better solution? Good luck convincing the right.

Now, our complaints with Mr. Obama are legion, but Friedman's false equivalency misses the mark: Only one party has become completely ideologically opposed to making the "hard choices" America needs. Democrats, inept as they are, have signalled a willingness to cut spending; Republicans, on the other hand, won't budge an inch on taxes.

In politics, compromise is a must. But with the Republican party turning increasingly and stubbornly to the right, the center simply cannot hold.

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▶ Conservative critics ate Obama alive yesterday.

Dogged

Daily Caller writer Jim Treacher brought attention to a quote from President Barack Obama's pre-Oval Office book "Dreams from My Father" Tuesday night wherein he described his youth in Indonesia. "I learned how to eat small, green chili peppers raw with dinner (plenty of rice), and, away from the dinner table, I was introduced to dog meat (tough), snake meat (tougher) and roasted grasshopper (crunchy)." Obama was just a young boy at the time, but all's fair in love and war — and considering Democrats' focus on Mitt Romney's Seamus the dog story, conservatives gloated with glee. We present some of Twitter fallout:

- "Mango Lassie #ObamaDogRecipes" **@DHUMEO1**
- "German Shephard's Pie #ObamaDogRecipes" **@STEVENBADGER**
- "Chinese Chow Chow Mein #Obamadogrecipes" **@CYNTHIACHEATH**
- "Snickerpoodles #ObamaDogRecipes" **@JIMMIEBJR**
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- "What ever happened to the Blue Dog Democrats? #ObamaDogRecipes" **@JOSHKAIB**
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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The stars on their most memorable movie-watching experiences

The State Supreme Courthouse in lower Manhattan was bathed in light on Tuesday night as movie stars (**Catherine Zeta-Jones**, **Michael Douglas**, **Robert De Niro**, and **Dakota Fanning,** to name just a few), business titans (**Ronald Perelman**), media mavens (**Katie Couric**, **Charlie Rose**, **Jared Kushner**), designers (**Tory Burch**, **Donna Karan** and **Rachel Roy**) and **Mayor Michael Bloomberg** kicked off the 11th year of the Tribeca Film Festival at the uber-swank Vanity Fair party.

— With additional reporting by Jeryl Brunner

We asked these celebrities:

What's the first film you remember seeing that had a major impact on you?

"'Mary Poppins.' She was, like, the first superhero woman. She could do everything. She was magical. And there's a little girl named Jane [in the film] so I really liked that too. I can still sing all the lyrics ... but I won't."

JANE ROSENTHAL (FESTIVAL CO-FOUNDER WITH ROBERT DE NIRO)

"I always loved 'To Catch a Thief,' especially for the clothes. It inspired me as a designer. I thought the style was amazing."

TORY BURCH

"My mom took me to 'The Birds' when I was 5 years old. I don't think she knew how gory it was. And I remember running up and down the aisles, screaming. And maybe that explains a lot. A lot."

KATIE COURIC

"'The 5000 Fingers of Dr. T.' was a really big movie for me. It was MGM in the early '50s and a cult classic now. It was about this little boy and his piano teacher; he falls asleep and has a dream in which they build a piano where they had however many children — 5,000 fingers — playing the piano. It's pretty beautiful."

BOB BALABAN

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Michael Caine has some simple instructions, Emilio Estevez has a lot of hobbies and Eddie Izzard is taking a cold shower.

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'For now, Dick Clark ... so long'

Music industry impresario **Dick Clark** died of a heart attack yesterday. He was 82. Known for many decades for his youthful appearance, he wore the nickname of "America's oldest teenager," well until he suffered a serious stroke in 2004. Despite the setback, he continued to play a part on the annual televised New Year's Eve celebration he began hosting in 1972. "New Year's Rockin' Eve" was just one of the many TV shows he hosted, including the "Pyramid" game shows, "TV's Bloopers & Practical Jokes" and most famously "American Bandstand," which he hosted from 1952 through 1989.

1: Dick Clark on the set of "American Bandstand" in 1957, the year it first aired nationally.

2: Teenagers on the set of "American Bandstand," dancing to the No. 1 single at the time, "Love Is Strange," by Mickey & Sylvia in Philadelphia in 1957.

3: Clark took over as host of the hit game show (and its many incarnations over the following decades) "The $10,000 Pyramid" in 1973.

4: Michael Jackson, a longtime friend of Clark's, performed along with the Jackson 5 on Clark's show "The Music Thing" in Los Angeles in 1975.

5: Gene Simmons and **Paul Stanley** of KISS posed with Clark at the taping of the special "American Bandstand's 50th ... A Celebration!" in 2002.

6: Dick Clark with co-host and successor **Ryan Seacrest** during Clark's annual "New Year's Rockin' Eve" show from Times Square in New York City on Jan. 1, 2006. This marked Clark's first television appearance since suffering a stroke in December 2004.

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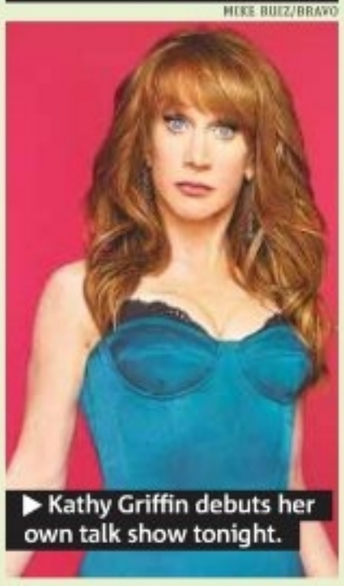

▶ Kathy Griffin debuts her own talk show tonight.

'Kathy'

TALK. Comedian Kathy Griffin talks (and talks and talks) about her favorite things — namely celebrities — on her very own chat fest. Inviting Hollywood guests would defeat the purpose, so instead she'll have a panel of everyday folks snarking with her on the latest pop-culture news. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., Bravo**

'The Vampire Diaries'

DRAMA. It's a big night for characters who have left Mystic Falls — the few who haven't died, we mean. Elena and Damon take a trip to Denver to check on Elena's lil bro Jeremy, while hot hybrid Tyler returns to complicate things for Caroline. **8 p.m., The CW**

'Parks and Recreation'

COMEDY. Leslie tries to save the parks department from budget cuts, inadvertently handing ammo to her competition in the race for City Council when Councilman Pillner (guest star Bradley Whitford) slashes funds from a "pet" project instead. **9:30 p.m., NBC**

'The Office'

COMEDY. Andy's position as manager is at risk? You don't say. **9 p.m., NBC**

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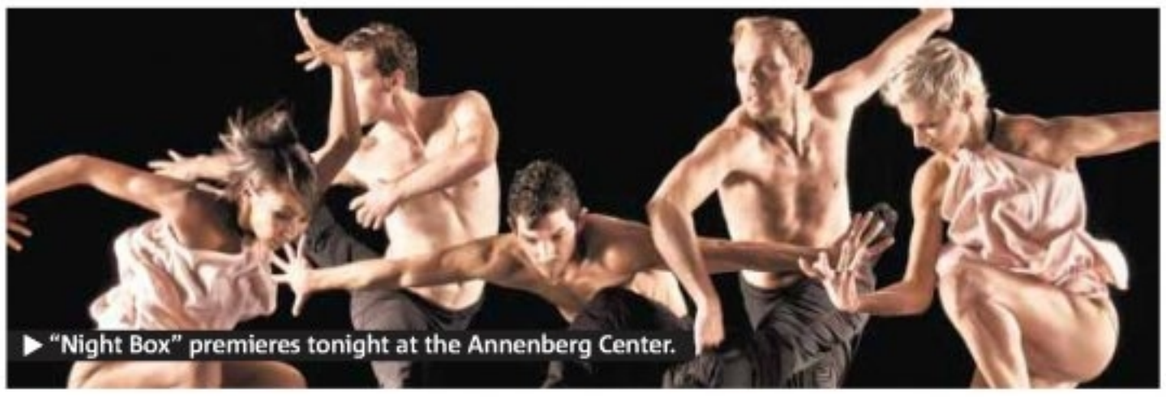
In step with the city

Choreographer Wen Wei Wang's 'Night Box' is inspired by urban nightlife The piece makes its world premiere in Philadelphia tonight



▶ "Night Box" premieres tonight at the Annenberg Center.

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Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal will be celebrating its 40th anniversary later this year, but isn't quite ready to light the candles just yet. Which means that Philly, where the pioneering dance company will offer the world premiere of a new piece by choreographer Wen Wei Wang, gets to crash the party a little early.

Chinese-born but based in Canada, Wang met LBJM director Louis Robitaille while both were dancing for Les Grands Ballets Canadiens. His new piece, "Night Box," was conceived during a weeklong workshop with the company last year. "He transposed action from the nightlife of a big city," Robitaille says of the piece. "When you're in a city and look around, many things happen: Somebody's on the phone, somebody's talking with friends, somebody is reading, another one is waiting for the bus. So this piece is all about isolating those actions inside a crowd."

The new piece shares the bill with the Philadelphia premiere of Aszure Barton's "Les Chambres des Jacques," for which Robitaille recalls the choreographer working closely with LBJM's dancers, isolating individual habits from each.

Robitaille feels that together, the two pieces "represent quite well the personality of the company, which is very energetic, very physical and very dynamic."

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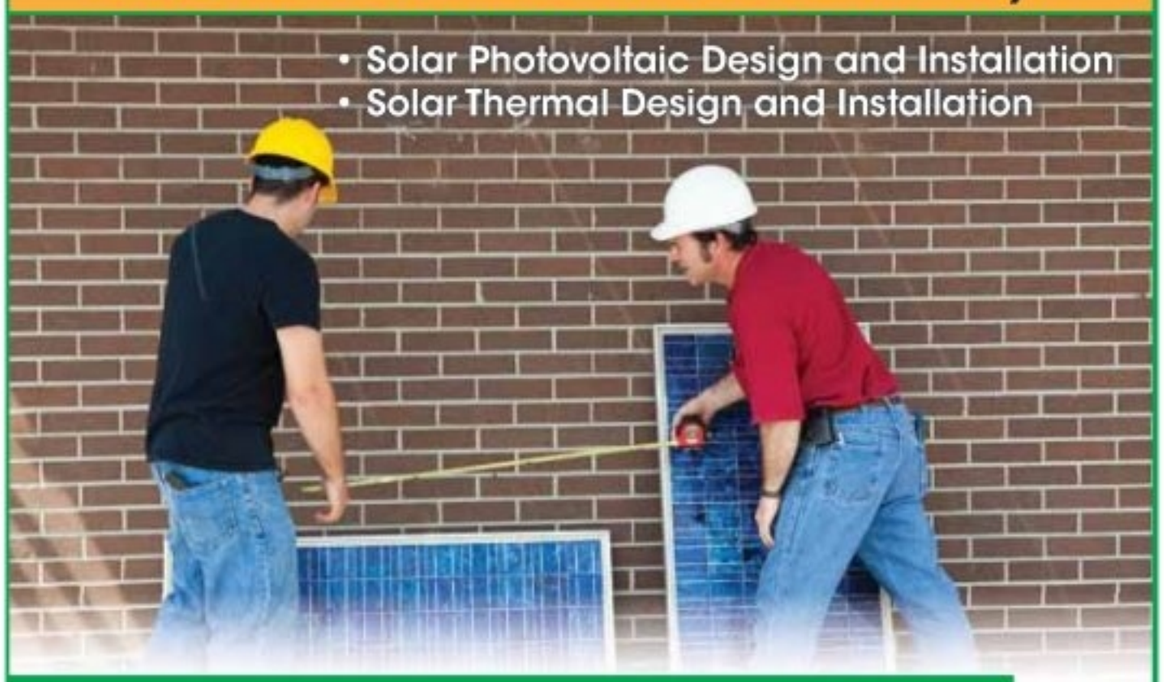

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▶ Meagan Good, Romany Malco, Regina Gary Owen, Terrence J, and Kevin Hart star in "Think Like a Man."

MUST SEE:

1 'Think Like a Man' Steve Harvey's best-selling book, "Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man" gets a screen adaptation. Four men try to turn the tables on their ladyfriends once they discover that the women have been using Mr. Harvey's advice against them.

2 'The Lucky One' Ole blue eyes — and by that we mean Zac Efron — is back as an Iraqi war vet, who after three tours of duty, goes in search of a woman whose photo was a good luck charm for him during combat.

3 'To the Arctic' Meryl Streep narrates this nature documentary about a polar bear and her two cubs making their way through the Arctic wilderness.

4 'The Cabin in the Woods' The critically praised and long-awaited Joss Whedon horror film that is said to be a "game-changer" finally hits theaters after years of delays. In the film, a bunch of teenagers go camping in said cabin in said woods.

5 'The Three Stooges' The directors responsible for "There's Something About Mary" offer a feature-length film update to the slapstick antics of Larry, Curly and Moe.

6 'Lockout' Guy Pearce stars as an unfairly accused spy given one chance at redemption. The mission? Rescue the U.S. president's daughter, who is being held in an outer space prison that has been overrun by inmates.

7 'American Reunion' Seann William Scott, Alyson Hannigan and all those other actors who didn't have quite as much post-"American Pie" success are back for another installment.

8 'Titanic' 3-D For the 100th anniversary of the "Titanic," James Cameron releases a 3-D adaptation of his 1997 film.

9 'Wrath of the Titans' Sam Worthington and Liam Neeson get all mythological on you again in this sequel to "Clash of the Titans."

10 'Mirror Mirror' Tarsem Singh puts his surrealistic spin on the Snow White legend.

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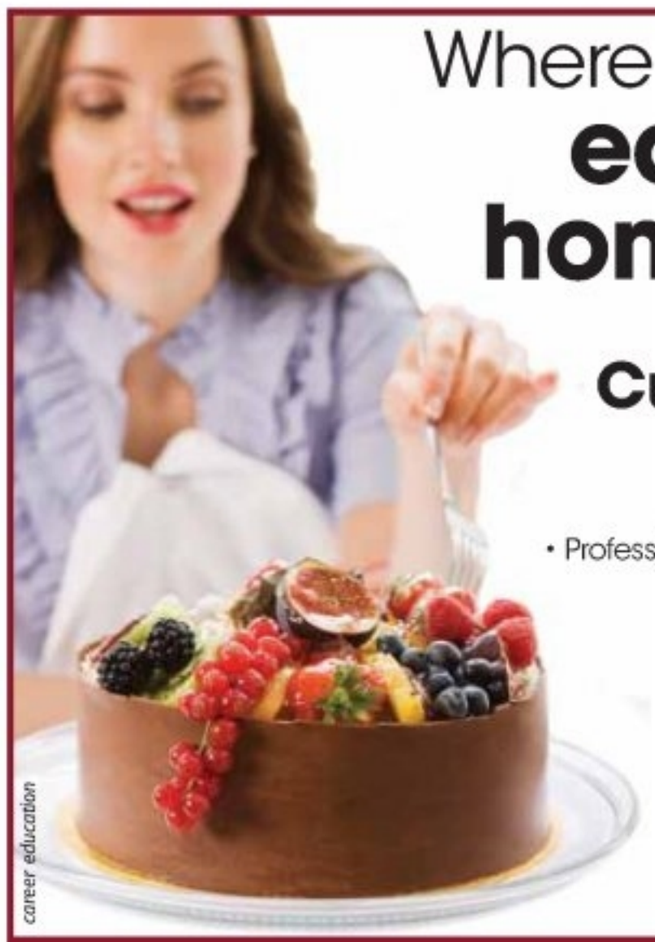

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"The practitioner simply lays their hands on you and helps conduct the energy through themselves and into the client and what that does for you is open up some of the chakras," she says. "So in helping to open up some of the blockages that are going on, it could help to relieve some of those anxieties."

While Reiki doesn't promise to get you to quit smoking, the deep relaxation can help, as Trachtman puts it, "get past that barrier that's been holding you back."

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Pires' spa practices a combination of the deep tissue and myofascial release. If you are looking into this kind of massage, make sure to inquire about the training of the masseuse.

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No one ever said dating was easy, but there are quite a few people in the world who are particularly challenged when it comes to landing a mate. Whether too eager to settle for less or too picky about their dating prospects, there are a host of reasons why some ladies are chronically single. But for those women, Steve and JoAnn Ward come to the rescue. In the fourth season of their incredibly successful VH1 reality show, "Tough Love," the Wards take some particularly troubled cases to boot camp in order to help them change their dating ways. We asked JoAnn about how they make it happen.

What do you find to be the most annoying common mistakes that women make on a first date?

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▶ "Tough Love: New Orleans" premieres Sunday night at 9.

Comparing their date to their ex, talking too much about anything, [when they are] negative about anything [and when they] have too much to drink.

What did you want to change from last season to this season?

We really focused on carefully casting this season to bring a blend of women into the mix that have a range of life experience: single moms, divorced women and a few others that surprised us. We felt it would also give an interesting perspective having women of all ages — from the mid-20s through 40s — living together. We hoped that doing this would make the ladies more at ease in getting them to open up more to each other sooner, and it worked.

If a woman is always single would you say that the problem is likely one of the issues these women on the show have?

I believe women will have shared similar life experiences as this cast and certainly will see a little bit of themselves in this season. We get very deep with the women and the experiences they have during their time with us on [the show]. It plays out on camera. I deeply care for these girls, both past and present, and continue to work with them far after the show airs, offering advice and guidance.

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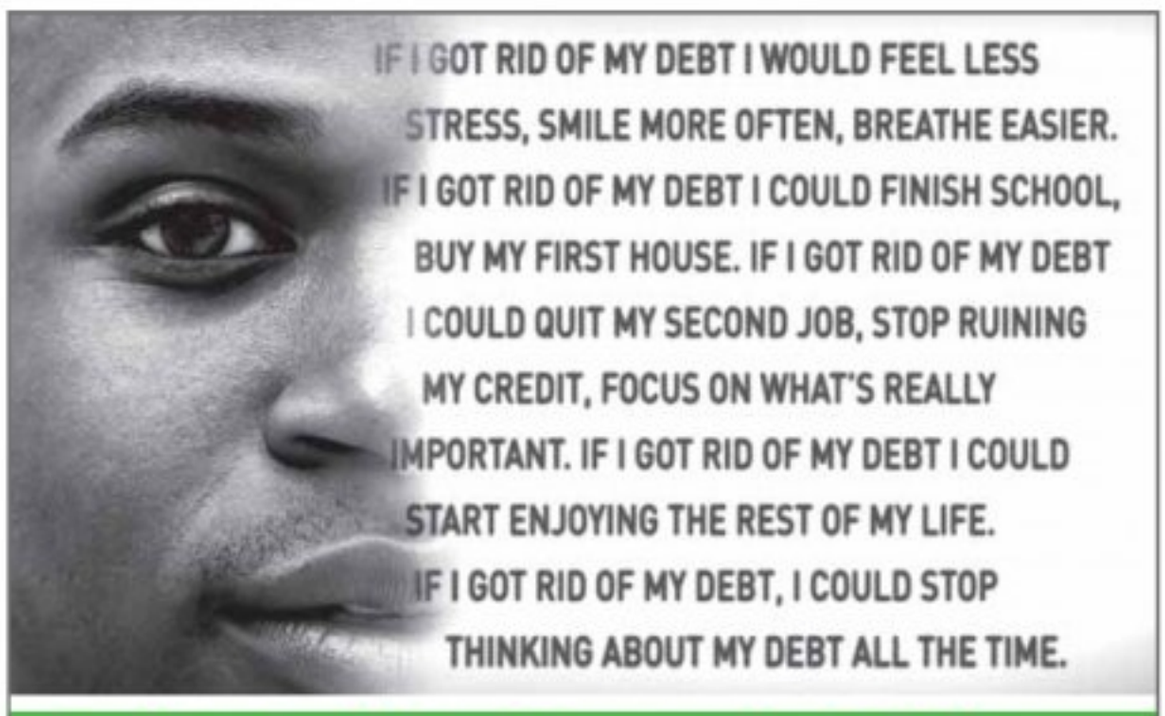
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Choosing a specialty camp

Day camps offer more than crafts and games these days ● While focused sessions are great, make sure they're fun ● Building relationships is still important

Over the last 20 years, parents and children have increasingly approached summer day camps as an opportunity to hone in on a specific talent — from athletics and music to science and theater. But many in the industry report a push-back in recent years: Parents and children may be looking for a specialty camp but, increasingly, they also want aspects of the traditional day camp model, chock full of swimming, crafts and low-pressure fun.

"As kids get older, they might develop really specific interests, but for the really young children, I think it's helpful to experience a wide range of things," says Dr. Jennifer Goldberg, director of elementary education at Fairfield University. "More and more there are camps that specialize in one area, but still offer other activities. But I would follow up with that. Sometimes camps advertise the variety, but they don't really invest in those other activities."

Nancy Heraghty is director of Destination Science camps, with locations in four states. While children in the DS camp spend the bulk of their time in science-related activities, Heraghty is also adamant about investing in traditional summer fun activities. Along with robot building, the camp features relay races, capture the flag and other events that might inspire unabashed glee. "We want them to experience the friendship and the lightheartedness of summer," she explains. "For us, it's as much about building relationships as it is about learning science."

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When choosing an arts camp

Arts camps can be a great way for kids to learn a new skill or further explore an existing talent. Just make sure that your child is genuinely interested in the area and that the program is dynamic enough to hold his or her attention. "It's important to look at the structure of the activities. You should ask: Will the child spend a lot of time waiting for their turn, or will the time be structured so that they're really involved?" says Goldberg. "I encourage people to really examine their child's comfort level in that area."

Note to parents:

You need to relax.

"If I had a 4- or a 5-year-old, my advice would be to relax a little. Let the kid find what he likes about camp. You have to make sure they're in a safe, fun environment, and then just let them breathe," says Howard Betterman, owner and director of Sesame/Rockwood Camps in Pennsylvania.

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War on women real; rap music crisis not

RE: "DEMS CREATED THE PHONY WOMEN WAR": Rocco Lore seems to think Republicans actively restricting women's health care, pay and control over their own lives doesn't constitute a "war on women." Indeed, his supposed counterexamples (rap music and Sharia law) are too silly to bother with. Sorry, Mr. Lore, but there is a war on, and you aren't on the side of the angels on this one.
JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

Calvin & Hobbes vote Republican

RE: "MILLIONS OF PEOPLE FIGHT SIMILAR BATTLES EVERY DAY WHILE ALSO WORRYING ABOUT FEEDING THEIR KIDS": I thank Mr. J D Ducas for recommending my letters be printed every day. Unfortunately, he has the wrong idea about the GOP platform. I guess he thinks that the Democratic platform for putting everybody on the government teet is a great idea. I believe Professors Calvin & Hobbes most likely had the Democrats in mind.
IGOR MANNIKUS, VIA E-MAIL

Child slavery is still a major problem

I am writing in response to the documentary about the sugar that the U.S. imports from the Dominican Republic. The workers cutting the cane are being held in slave-like conditions and being paid next to nothing while working in the sweltering heat. They are crammed in military barracks and corralled with barbed wire. Kids are also involved in the back-breaking work.
JEREMY BLACKWOOD, VIA E-MAIL

"What is our price to single out other Americans?"

RE: "IF YOU RAISE TAXES ON THE RICH ... YOU CAN START TO REBUILD THE COUNTRY'S INFRASTRUCTURE": Obama's desperate attempt to justify his higher capital gains tax beliefs stems back to the lashing he took on this subject during his debate with Hillary Clinton! Clinically obsessed with being right, Obama is trying to find some level at which fellow Americans will turn on those in the higher tax bracket. It kind of reminds me of a joke where a guy asks a girl if she would sleep with him for a million dollars. She agrees, and he says: "How about $100?" She responds: "What kind of girl do you think I am?" He says: "We already know that, now we are trying to establish a price." What is our price to single out other Americans? If we allow Obama to lure us into accepting increased taxes of those who are already paying a lion's share of our tax revenues, then we deserve a cancer-like government that will eventually kill the host!
JOSEPH DUPONT, PHILADELPHIA

You guys are so naive. If Metro had printed my whole letter instead of a snippet — unlike printing all the hogwash you sent — it would be clear that the government only creates government jobs. Unfortunately, there would still be no change for you guys from Occupy Wall Street. If you believe what you wrote, I have a timeshare for two box seats at the Colosseum in Rome you can have for $10 bucks apiece. **ALAN JACOBS VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You'll have more direct control over conditions that affect you personally in this current cycle. This makes it a good time to begin rearranging things to comply with your timetable.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Chances are you'll be much luckier if you don't attempt to do things in a severely structured fashion. Keep plenty of room available for some friendly influences to operate.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Your hopes and expectations have better-than-usual chances of being fulfilled at this point in time, provided they are based on practical thinking and not just wishful hopes.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Because you're in a fortuitous achievement cycle currently, everything you can set your mind to can be accomplished. Your success is based on a strong belief in yourself.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Although you might not realize it right now, something that you've long been futilely hoping for is likely to come your way at last, even if in a somewhat backhanded manner. Trust in the fates.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Even though it might not be totally apparent, the ideas you're espousing are winning you the respect or your contemporaries.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Agreements into which you enter at this point in time that are based on trying to be fair to everybody have very good probabilities for producing mutual benefits for everybody involved.

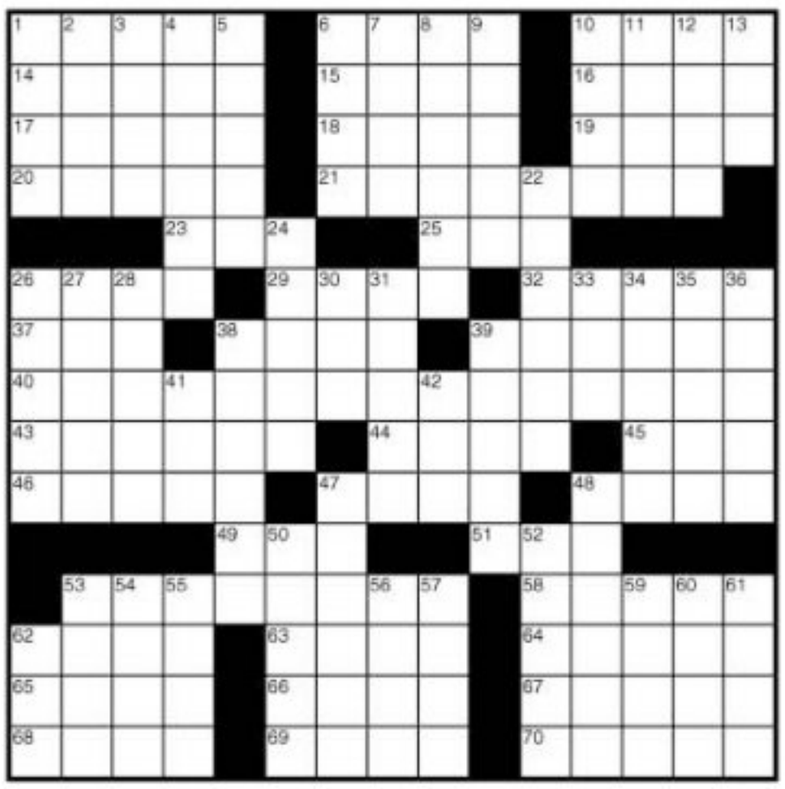
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** The most substantial gains you're likely to enjoy today will, in all probability, come about through joint endeavors that have solid foundations upon which success can be built.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It behooves you to let your heart rule your head in terms of decision-making. Usually this is an unwise course to follow, but if conditions warrant it, it will be the way to go.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Devote your energies at this time to projects that are labors of love, and you can make this a very productive day. When you like doing something, the results can be outstanding.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Someone who has never done so before may offer you some kind of small gift of special consideration. If you believe that he or she has no ulterior motive, feel free to accept.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** The payoff is much closer than you realize regarding an endeavor on which you've been working a long time. The returns could actually be much larger than you had anticipated, as well. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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We asked James Kleyla, a renovations expert at Home Depot, for easy home improvement projects that anyone — even you hammer-averse — can do to help out Mother Earth. Bonus: You'll save on your bills, too.

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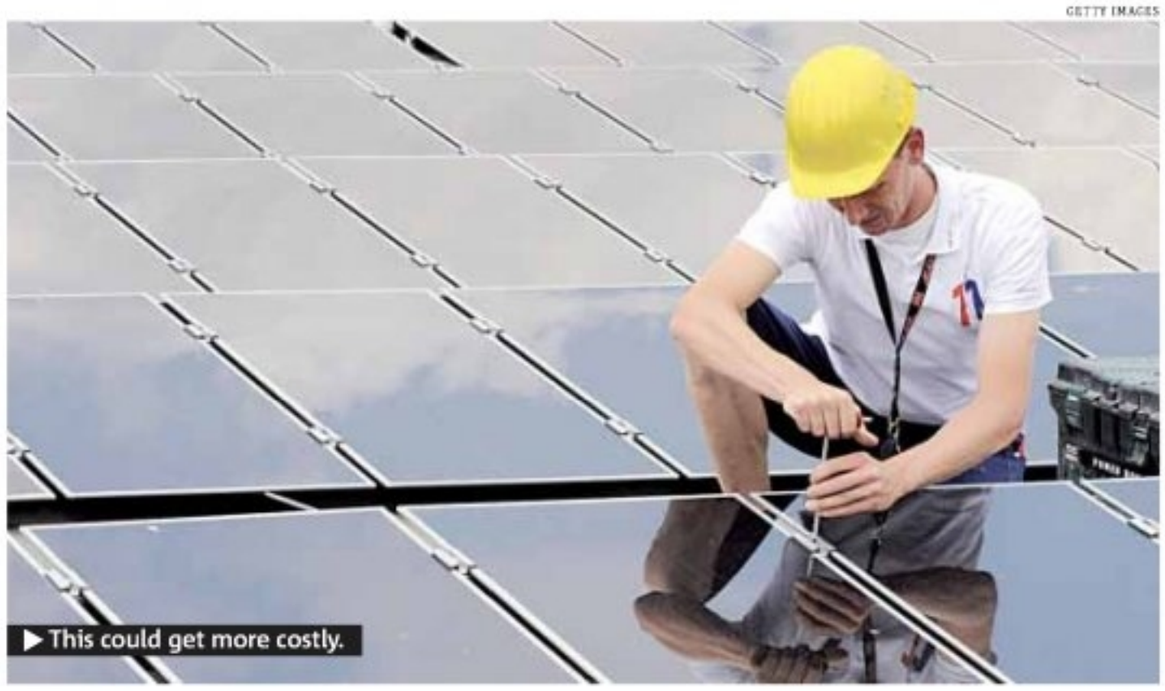

This could get more costly.

The U.S. needs new methods to support clean energy development as federal spending is set to plummet in six years to $11 billion from $44.3 billion in 2009, according to a report.

Analysts from three public policy groups, including the Brookings Institution, recommend the U.S. develop a system that rewards technological advances and stresses research and development to maximize diminishing resources to help keep clean energy competitive for continued expansion.

President Barack Obama's 2009 stimulus program accounted for one-third of the record $150 billion in tax breaks, grants and loans or guarantees available to clean energy companies in the six years covered by the report. As Congress focuses on deficit reduction, the report's authors say policymakers need to consider how the aid is disbursed within existing financial constraints or risk a clean energy industry crash.

"It's a very difficult budget environment," said Letha Tawney, a senior associate at the World Resources Institute, a Washington-based group that promotes environmental protection. "You need to make a very strong argument for how you are using taxpayer money well."

Abandoning U.S. aid for clean energy means ceding a multitrillion-dollar market to other countries, she said.

Analysts from Washington-based Brookings, the World Resources Institute and the Breakthrough Institute in Oakland, Calif., wrote the report. They plan to brief congressional staff and Energy Department officials next week on their recommendations.

The $150 billion projected to be spent on clean energy programs from 2009-2014 is more than triple the amount for the previous six years, according to the report. While the report doesn't recommend a spending amount, the authors say the recent financial support is unsustainable.

Wind power increased 60 percent and solar power 120 percent from 2008 to 2010, aided by subsidies, according to the report. BLOOMBERG

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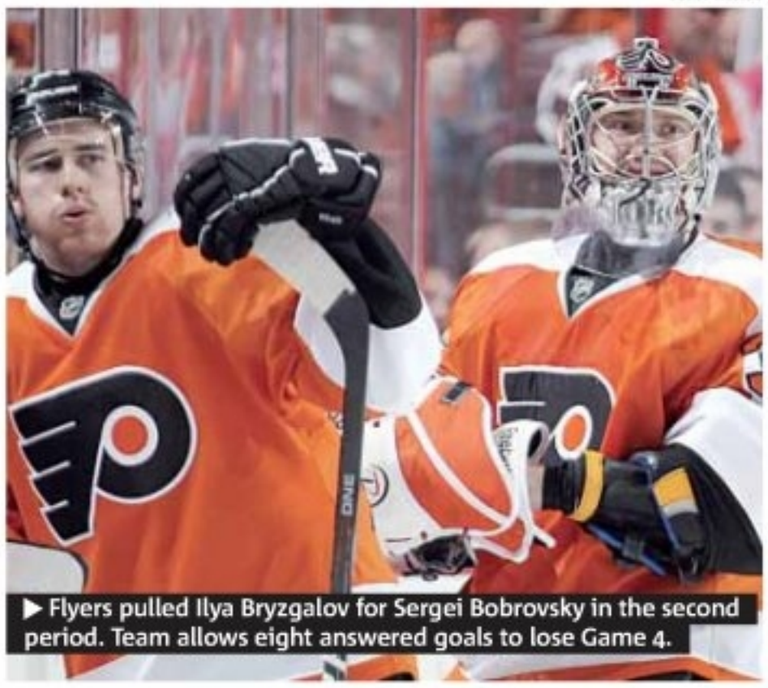

▶ Flyers pulled Ilya Bryzgalov for Sergei Bobrovsky in the second period. Team allows eight answered goals to lose Game 4.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS: Game 4, Penguins 10, Flyers 3

Bryz-aster strikes Flyers as Pens avoid the brooms

- Pittsburgh unloads for 10 goals, pulls series to 3-1
- Bryzgalov pulled for Bobrovsky
- Game 5 on Friday

On Sunday afternoon, the Flyers said all the right things. The unsuspecting young team was the underdog in the series, yet still took a commanding 3-0 lead over the Penguins.

"If there's a team that can come back from 3-0 this year I think it's them," Claude Giroux said Sunday after a goal and an assist in an 8-4 win. "So we need to understand that. We need to make sure that we're focused for Wednesday."

So much for that. The Flyers looked like they were already on what would have been a break of a week and a half had they clinched the series last night. Instead they took an on-ice vacation in a 10-3 loss.

Undisciplined play, poor defense, bad goaltending. Game 4 had everything that Peter Laviolette asked the Flyers not to do. Ilya Bryzgalov was pulled in the second period and allowed five goals on 18 shots. He now has a .844 save percentage to go along with a 4.98 goals-against average for the series. Sergei Bobrovsky was no better. He allowed five goals on 18 shots.

Even though the Flyers looked like they could overcome anything in Games 1, 2 and 3, they warned that the Penguins wouldn't roll over and die.

"They're kind of a streaky team," Giroux said. "They can win a lot of games in a row."

Now the goal is to make sure that streak doesn't come to fruition for the Penguins, who had four power-play goals on the night while the Flyers spent 64 minutes in the penalty box.

A two-goal win may have been just a blip on the radar. Instead, the Penguins won so convincingly, they may have gained enough confidence to make it a series. It's the worst defeat the Flyers have ever been handed at home in the playoffs.

"We've been down in this dressing room before a couple years ago," Scott Hartnell said. "You've got to win one game and that's it. You can't win four games in one night."

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The series:

- Game 1: Flyers 4, Penguins 3, OT
- Game 2: Flyers 8, Penguins 5
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Hartnell: Onus on Flyers to protect heads

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As a ripe 18-year-old in his first NHL season, Scott Hartnell laid motionless on the ice in Raleigh, N.C.

It was Nov. 26, 2000, and one of the Carolina Hurricanes had hit Hartnell so hard that he needed the help of a stretcher to get off the ice. He would miss the next six games.

"I think it was right around Christmas and I didn't know what month it was right off the bat," Hartnell said. "So it is a little scary and you just have to take care of yourself."

The next season, it happened again. Another stretcher. Another concussion.

Unfortunately, this sight is becoming more and more common in the NHL, and wildly inconsistent penalties this postseason aren't helping.

Claude Giroux and Sean Couturier survived hits in Game 3 from Pittsburgh's James Neal in which the Penguins All-Star left his feet to target the heads of both players. Neal's punishment was a one-game suspension handed down by NHL police chief Brendan Shanahan. In the same game, rookie Brayden Schenn was hit in the face by Arron Asham and then punched in the back of the head while lying on the ice. Asham got four games.

New to his position, Shanahan has been all over the map with his rulings. It seems to go back to what many believe was a mistake for not punishing Shea Weber after he slammed Henrik Zetterberg's head into the glass in a playoff game.

Shanahan and the NHL have been getting flak for their discipline across the league, but some players say it needs to come back to them.

"You can't think the Pittsburgh Penguins are gonna take it easy on me if I have my head down coming across the middle," Hartnell said. "The onus is on the player to look after himself No. 1, obviously. Protect yourself. Get your hands up to protect your head."

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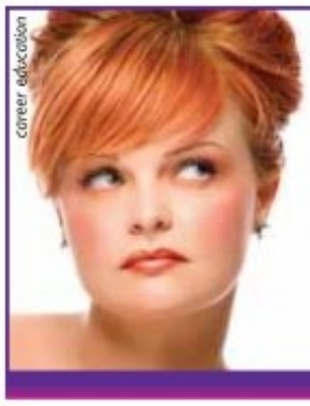
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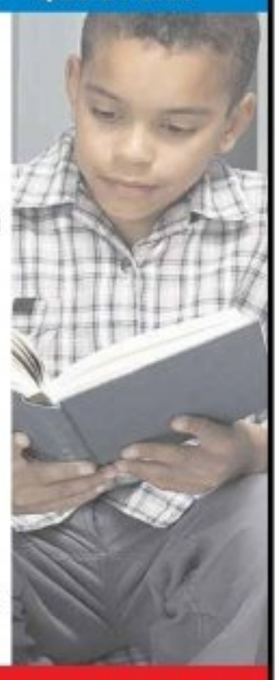
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Mr. Wilson

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Pop is missing

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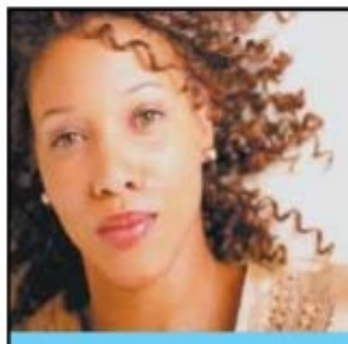

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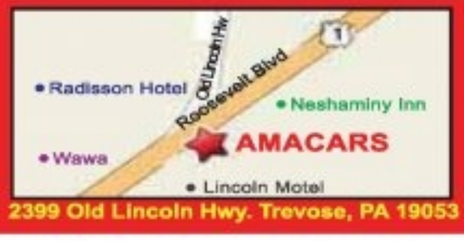

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"We realize that we haven't had many extra base hits yet," Shane Victorino said. "But those are going to come. It's still early."

Hunter Pence, who leads the team with four extra-base hits, is confident the Phillies will break out of their power outage.

"I think it's pretty simple," Pence said. "We just have to keep plugging away. This is not the offensive start that we wanted. We're dealing with some adversity [with the loss of Ryan Howard and Chase Utley] but we just have to keep pushing. We're not taking what's going on lightly. It's frustrating. But we're just going to keep at it."

Pence also leads the team with two homers. The Phillies have just six long balls.

"We can't worry about that stuff," Jimmy Rollins said. "The home runs and the extra base hits will come at some point. Right now, we just have to score runs any way we can. The pitching has been tremendous so far. We just have to give our pitchers enough runs to work with. It's still very early. We'll get there offensively."

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Night cap

The Phils fell Tuesday to the Giants, 4-2. Cliff Lee took the hill last night (game ended too late). Here are the probables the rest of this week:

- Today at Padres, 10:05 p.m. Vance Worley (0-1, 3.75) vs. Joe Wieland (0-1, 10.80)
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